Guest charge in New Legislators' Hostel.

* 110 *Q.*—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the guest charges in the new Legislators' Hostel, Madras, have been increased by Re. 1 when there had previously been a resolution of the House Committee recommending a reduction in the guest charges?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The actual fair rent per head per day, with reference to maintenance charges, etc., in the New Legislators' Hostel works out to Rs. 4 as against Rs. 3 per head per day in the old Legislators' Hostel. The guest charge in the New Hostel has accordingly been fixed at Rs. 4 per head per day."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO :—" New Legislators' Hostel లో ఒక్కొక్కరికి దినమునకు చార్జి మూడు రూపాయ నుంచి నాలుగు రూపాయలవరకు పెంచబడింది. ఈ పెంపుదలవలన గెస్టు రావటానికి వీలులేకపోతున్నదని గ్రహించి యిప్పటికైనా యీ గెస్టు చార్జీ తగ్గించటానికి ప్రభుత్వము పూనుకుంటుందా?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hostel is intended for the accommodation of only Members of the Legislature and not for guests."

Sri K. SUBBA REDDI :—" గవర్నమెంటు ఎస్టేటు కాంపౌండులోవున్న family quarters చాలా తక్కువ బాడుగలకు యిచ్చినట్లు తెలుస్తున్నది. అంతే కాకుండా outsiders కూడా వుంటున్నట్లు తెలిసింది. ఇటువంటి family quarter తక్కువ బాడుగలకు యిచ్చి, హాస్టలులో బాడుగ మాత్రం ఎక్కువగా వసూలు చేయటానికి కారణమేమి?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The allegation of the hon. Member is not correct. Family quarters have been allotted according to priority. If the member has applied on a particular date he is bound to get it in course of time. New family quarters have not been allotted by the present Government."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is it not a fact that the delegates of the recent Moral Rearmament Conference have been allowed to stay in the Hostel and charged at a much lower rate than that charged for other guests? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I charged Shylockian rates for them and recovered from them money in advance." (Laughter.)

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have any family quarters been given to any who are not Members of the Legislature and who are non-officials? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I must say for the information of the House that the quarters in the Government House Estate, Mount Road, have been classified into three categories, one for the occupation of the Members of the Legislature, the next for officers of Government and the

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last for peons. I think about 10 quarters have been allotted for Members of the Legislature and I do not think that any of these quarters is at present vacant."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, is it not a fact that non-legislators are also given accommodation?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" లెజిస్లేటర్ల హాస్టల్ ఒక వ్యాపారసంస్థగా ప్రభుత్వం చేస్తున్నదా?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This is a commercial proposition. We are providing accommodation as and when it is available. We collect maintenance and other charges."

SRI P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO :—" ఇప్పుడు నేనుండే హాస్టల్ గదిలో కిటికీ క్రిందుగా లోపలవైపున పెట్టినటువంటి పుస్తకాలు నేను మరల వెళ్లిచూచేసరికి, కిటికి బెటవైపున పెట్టిఉన్నవి. ఈ పుస్తకాలు కాకులుతీసి బయట పడవేసినవో లేక ఎవరయినా దొంగతనం చేయటానికి ఆ విధంగా పడవేశారో, కారణం ఏమిటో? అలా జరగకుండా ఉండుటకు తీసుకొనే చర్యలు ఏమిటో మంత్రిగారు తెలవిస్తారా?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is it not a fact that some of the quarters inside the Government House Estate, Mount Road, are at present occupied by people who are not in Government service or are not Members of the Legislature and if so, may I know what steps the Government are going to take in the matter? Is it not desirable that they ask those people to go out and make those quarters available for other people who have applied?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, there are one or two very special people who do not fall under any category, but whom we have to respect and we cannot treat them to harsh terms which would amount to indignity. I think we must allow such people to be dealt with delicately and courteously by the Government and we should not publicise these matters."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 111 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the allotments made previously for an electric lift and an air-conditioning plant for the operation theatre in the King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, were cancelled by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) *Electric lift.*—The Government have not cancelled the provision of an electric lift in the new operation theatre of the King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, and it will be installed shortly.